GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NEW HEALTH POLICY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of State Health Ministers was held in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the matters discussed in the meeting;

(c) whether the Government have prepared new draft on Health Policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the State Governments have agreed to the new draft on Health Policy;

(f) if not, the objections raised by the State Health Ministers in the said meeting; and

(g) the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Seventh Conference of the Central Council for Health and Family Welfare in which Health Ministers of all States/UTs. are members was held in July, 2001 at New Delhi.The Council is the highest advisory body on health and family welfare. Apart from issues related to revision of National Health Policy, matters relating to prevention and cure of both communicable and non-communicable diseases, food and drug administration, regulatory measures for private medical practitioners/nursing homes, implementation of national disease control programmes, matters relating to Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy and Family Welfare were discussed during the two day Conference.

(c)&(d): Draft of new National Health Policy is under preparation.The new policy will envisage to focus on various determinants which have an impact on the health status of the people like financial resources, equity considerations, role of States, issues such as medical research, disease surveillance, role of IEC, NGOs, population stabilisation etc.

(e) to (g): During the Conference only important features relating to the new National Health Policy were discussed on which a broad consensus emerged. Draft of the new policy is being prepared keeping in view the suggestions received from the various State Health Ministers and the health experts during the Conference.Draft National Health Policy shall be circulated to States/UTs for comments before final approval of Union Cabinet is solicited.